

each child (including the family assessment) must be completed within the 45-day time period required in § 303.321(e).

(2) The lead agency shall develop procedures to ensure that in the event of exceptional circumstances that make it impossible to complete the evaluation and assessment within 45 days (e.g., if a child is ill), public agencies will—

- (i) Document those circumstances; and
- (ii) Develop and implement an interim IFSP, to the extent appropriate and consistent with § 303.345 (b)(1) and (b)(2).

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(3); 1436 (a)(1), (a)(2), (d)(1), and (d)(2))

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§ 303.323 Nondiscriminatory procedures.

Each lead agency shall adopt nondiscriminatory evaluation and assessment procedures. The procedures must provide that public agencies responsible for the evaluation and assessment of children and families under this part shall ensure, at a minimum, that—

- (a) Tests and other evaluation materials and procedures are administered in the native language of the parents or other mode of communication, unless it is clearly not feasible to do so;
- (b) Any assessment and evaluation procedures and materials that are used are selected and administered so as not to be racially or culturally discriminatory;
- (c) No single procedure is used as the sole criterion for determining a child's eligibility under this part; and
- (d) Evaluations and assessments are conducted by qualified personnel.

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INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLANS (IFSPs)

§ 303.340 General.

(a) Each system must include policies and procedures regarding individualized family service plans (IFSPs) that meet the requirements of this section and §§ 303.341 through 303.346.

(b) As used in this part, *individualized family service plan* and *IFSP* mean a written plan for providing early intervention services to a child eligible under this part and the child's family. The plan must—

- (1) Be developed in accordance with §§ 303.342 and 303.343;
- (2) Be based on the evaluation and assessment described in § 303.322; and
- (3) Include the matters specified in § 303.344.

(c) *Lead agency responsibility.* The lead agency shall ensure that an IFSP is developed and implemented for each eligible child, in accordance with the requirements of this part. If there is a dispute between agencies as to who has responsibility for developing or implementing an IFSP, the lead agency shall resolve the dispute or assign responsibility.

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NOTE: In instances where an eligible child must have both an IFSP and an individualized service plan under another Federal program, it may be possible to develop a single consolidated document, provided that it (1) contains all of the required information in § 303.344, and (2) is developed in accordance with the requirements of this part.

§ 303.341 [Reserved]

§ 303.342 Procedures for IFSP development, review, and evaluation.

(a) *Meeting to develop initial IFSP—timelines.* For a child who has been evaluated for the first time and determined to be eligible, a meeting to develop the initial IFSP must be conducted within the 45-day time period in § 303.321(e).

(b) *Periodic review.* (1) A review of the IFSP for a child and the child's family must be conducted every six months,